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) Examiner: A. Oltmans

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For: **LOW TEMPERATURE NITROCARBURIZING  
SALT AND METHOD OF USE**

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Dear Sir:

Responsive to the examiner's letter of November 20, 2003, it is respectfully requested that the examiner cancel claims 1-12, 14 and 17, without prejudice or disclaimer, as shown on the attached sheets.

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